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In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed May 16, 2005 (Paper No. 20050509), Applicant hereby elects Group I (Claims 1-6), without traverse, for continued examination.

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